

the White House and FBI have changed their procedures in an effort to prevent similar events in the future.³⁶

C. The Independent Counsel Concluded That the FBI Files Matter Was Not Within His Jurisdiction Over the Travel Office Matter.

After public disclosure of Mr. Marceca's requests for FBI background reports, the Independent Counsel initiated an inquiry into the requests for the background reports as part of his investigation into circumstances surrounding the firing of Mr. Dale and the other Travel Office employees.³⁷ On June 11, 1996, Mr. Marceca and Ms. Wetzl appeared before a federal grand jury investigating the Travel Office matter. They testified that Mr. Marceca had used a Secret Service list to order background reports from the FBI in late 1993 and early 1994, and that Ms. Wetzl had discovered in autumn of 1994 that the list used was

³⁶ The FBI's investigation led to changes in the procedures for handling requests for sensitive background investigation reports. See June 14, 1996 FBI Press Release. In addition, the White House implemented new rules and procedures to cover White House requests to the FBI for background investigation information. See June 14, 1996 Memorandum from Jack Quinn, then Counsel to the President. The FBI and White House coordinated their respective changes to ensure that each entity's procedural changes did not conflict with the other's. Id. at 2.

³⁷ On March 22, 1996, after a specific request by the Attorney General, the Special Division expanded the Independent Counsel's jurisdiction to investigate "whether William David Watkins committed a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 or any other federal criminal law, . . . in the course of his December 1993 interview with the General Accounting Office concerning the May 1993 firing of the White House Travel Office personnel." Order, Div. No. 94-1 at 1-2 (D.C. Cir [Spec. Div.] March 22, 1996). That matter will be the subject of a separate final report to be filed by the Independent Counsel.